



October 16, 2003

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Attention: Amy Cohen (3WP32)

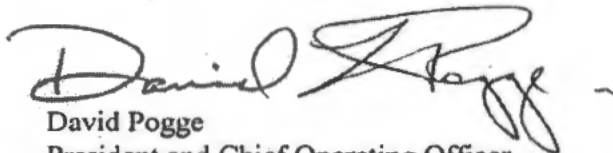
Re: Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc.  
Order on Consent

Dear Ms. Cohen:

In accordance with paragraph 51 of the above-referenced Order on Consent, we are submitting the attached written report summarizing all actions taken in accordance with this Order ("Progress Reports") for the third quarter, 2003.

*"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to properly gather and evaluate information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."*

Sincerely,

  
David Pogge  
President and Chief Operating Officer



Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1320, Millsboro, Delaware 19966  
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Cc: Edward Hallock (Delaware Dept. of Health & Social Services)  
Rodney Wyatt (Delaware Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Control)  
John Wren (Mountaire Farms)  
Jeff Smith (Mountaire Farms)  
Walter Moorhead (Mountaire Farms)  
Mark Beachboard (Mountaire Farms)  
Gordon Serman (Mountaire Farms)  
Jeremy Homer (Parkowski, Guerke & Swayze)

**Quarterly Progress Report  
(Reference Paragraph 51 of Order)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2003 (April-May-June):**

- Per paragraph 34, all residents identified by sampling of nitrates above 10 mg/l who have requested bottled water have received bottled water.
- Per paragraph 36, a plan to provide a permanent alternate water supply was submitted via certified mail on July 16, 2003 to EPA for review and approval, with copies to DNREC and DHSS.
- Per paragraph 38, the wastewater treatment/spray irrigation system is being operated in a manner to control nitrogen loadings to the spray fields; the production wells are in operation (no irrigation wells operated due to substantial precipitation during the time period); quarterly groundwater sampling in progress.
- Per paragraph 47, a copy of the Order was sent to the following contractors via certified mail:
  - o Envirocorp Inc (testing laboratory); Date of delivery 6-12-03
  - o Eastern Shore Coffee (bottled water supplier); Date of delivery 6-14-03
  - o A.C. Schultes of DE (well driller); Date of delivery 6-30-03
- Monitoring well #38 replacement installed on 6-25-03.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2003 (July-August-September)**

- Certified letters mailed to the following residents explaining the Order and requesting a meeting to discuss alternate water supply:

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All letters received by the residents (copy of a sample letter and return receipts attached).

- Per paragraph 38, the wastewater treatment/spray irrigation system continues to be operated in a manner to control nitrogen loadings to the spray fields; the production wells are in operation and approximately 3.03 million gallons of groundwater was sprayed on the (b) (6) Farm from the irrigation well located by spray field WHBJ 1; quarterly groundwater monitoring completed including the newly installed MW 38.



August 21, 2003

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Dear (b) (6) :

As you are aware, Mountaire Farms has been providing you bottled water while we have been discussing with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the next course of action to address the presence of nitrates in the groundwater above drinking water standards. As a result of these discussions, Mountaire Farms has entered into a voluntary "Order on Consent", which outlines certain steps we will be taking to provide you with a permanent alternate water supply, at no cost to you.

We have identified two options which will be available for you to choose. One option is the replacement of your existing drinking water well with a new, deep well. The second option is the installation of an ion exchange "point-of-entry" water pretreatment unit, approved by the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience at (302) 934-3094 so that I may meet with you personally to further explain the options noted above and to answer any questions that you may have regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Smith, REM  
Environmental Manager  
Mountaire Farms Inc.



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